

BALTIMORE CITY--COMMISSION FOR HISTORICAL AND ARCHITECTURAL PRESERVATION

CDBG SURVEY YEAR: 12
AREA: Oliver vicinity

SURVEY NO.: B-3967
MAGI NO.: 0439675508

ADDRESS: 1213 Harford Avenue
CURRENT NAME: Nazarene Baptist Church

BLOCK: 1160 LOT: 1/12
HEIGHT: 2
CONDITION: Good

LOT SIZE:
MATERIALS: Brick
OWNER: Nazarene Baptist Church
ADDRESS: 1213 Harford Avenue 21202
ACCESSIBLE: Yes
LIBER/FOLIO: MLP 6562-177



HISTORIC NAME: Harford Avenue Methodist Episcopal Church
DATE: 1851; 1874 facade and belfry
ARCHITECT/BUILDER:
STYLE (IF APPROPRIATE): Romanesque Revival

DESCRIPTION:

The Harford Avenue M.E. Church is a brick hall plan church built in 1851 with a Romanesque Revival facade and bell tower erected in 1874, which is located on the northeast corner of Harford Avenue and Biddle Street in east Baltimore. The main elevation faces northwest toward Harford Avenue. The tower has three levels with the first story entrance centered within a recessed blind flat arched panel. The round arch of the entry has a traceried fanlight. The second level has twin round arched lancet windows in blind arches and hoods. The third level has three-part louvered openings and corbels below the broached, dormered steeple topped with a cross. The tower is attached to the 1874 rebuilt main facade which has round-arched, traceried lancet windows flanking the tower. The main section has a raised basement with a gabled roof. Corbels line the west eaves. The south elevation is part stucco and part formstone. Four bays of round arched windows duplicate those on the west elevation. A secondary entrance is located in the southeast bay.

SIGNIFICANCE:

AREA:architecture LEVEL:local

The Harford Avenue M.E. Church has a distinctive Romanesque Revival tower and facade and is located in virtual isolation on a major intersection of Harford Avenue in the Oliver area. Formerly an anchor of a solidly middle class rowhouse neighborhood, it is now a remaining vestige of the late 19th century in an area of vacant lots, industrial buildings, and new public housing. The Harford Avenue M.E. congregation was established as a Sunday School in 1843 and became an independent church in 1851. It in turn established at least three other Methodist churches: Greenmount Avenue, Waverly, and Mt. Lebanon. In the 1940's, the Nazarene Baptist Church acquired the building and Harford Avenue merged with North Avenue M.E. Church.

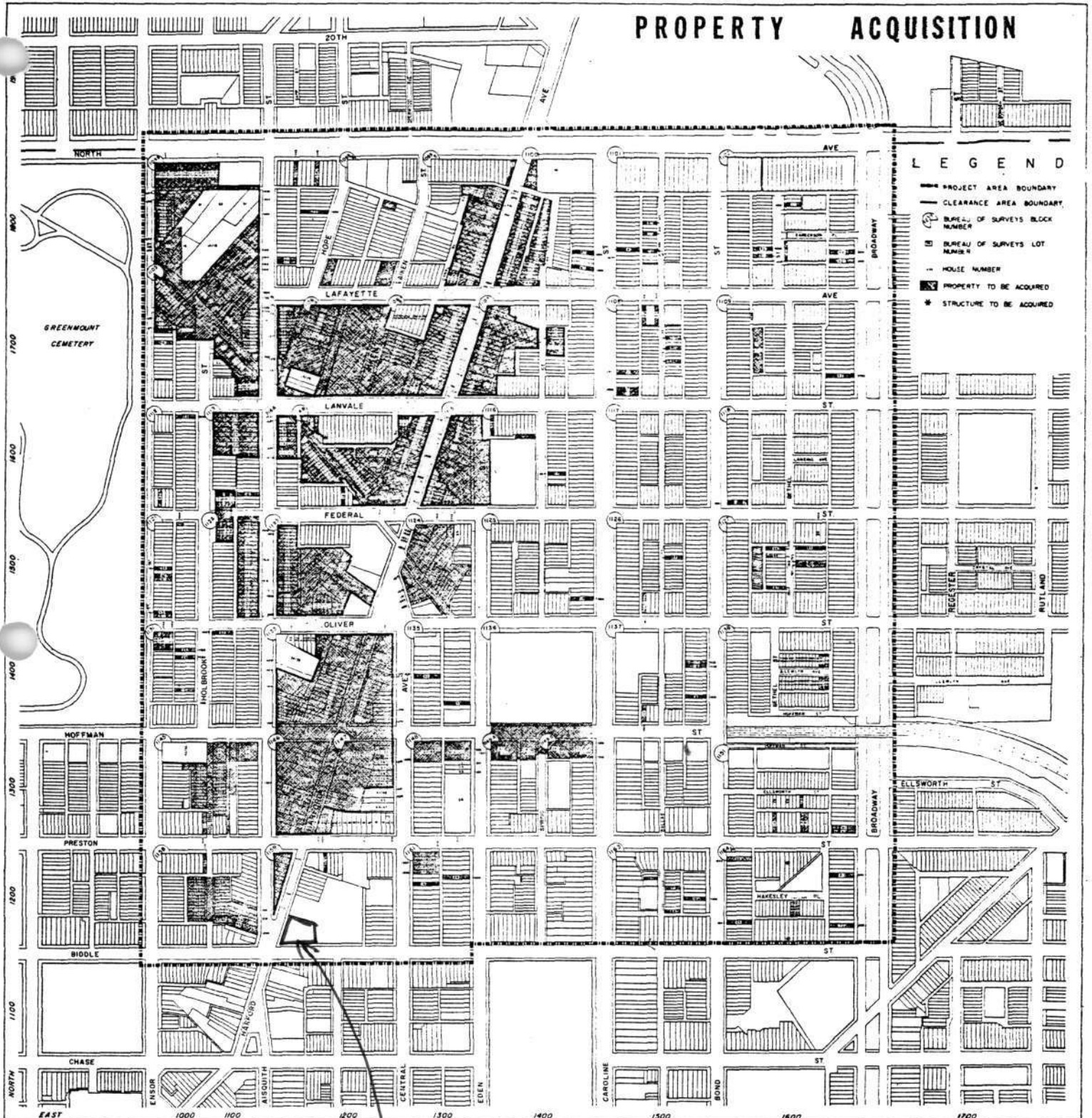
SOURCES: CHAP file, Land records

SURVEYOR AND DATE: Janet Davis, CHAP, August 1987

PROPERTY ACQUISITION

LEGEND

- PROJECT AREA BOUNDARY
- CLEARANCE AREA BOUNDARY
- BUREAU OF SURVEYS BLOCK NUMBER
- BUREAU OF SURVEYS LOT NUMBER
- HOUSE NUMBER
- PROPERTY TO BE ACQUIRED
- ★ STRUCTURE TO BE ACQUIRED



OLIVER

PLANNING DIVISION

DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

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PROPERTY ACQUISITION

DATE: 1/1/71	REVISION: 1	MD A - 1
DRAWN BY: W.S.	SURVEY: 1	2
APPROVED BY: [Signature]	DATE: 1/1/71	EXHIBIT

Harford Avenue Methodist Episcopal Church
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Harford Avenue Methodist Episcopal Church (Nazarene Baptist Church)
1213 Harford Avenue
Block 1160, Lot 001
Baltimore City
Baltimore East Quad.





Hartford Avenue M.E. Church

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1213 Hartford Avenue

Baltimore, Maryland

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Northwest elevation

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South elevation

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